

LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE (SEV'S)

TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 2012

PRESENT: Councillor S Armitage in the Chair

Councillors B Gettings and G Hussain

41 Election of the Chair

RESOLVED – Councillor S Armitage was elected Chair of the meeting

42 Late Items

No formal late items of business were added to the agenda

43 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests

44 "Silks Gentleman's Club" - Application for the grant of a Sex Establishment Licence for Silks Gentleman's Club, 2 Sovereign Place, Leeds LS1 4SP

Further to minute 40(g) of the meeting held 15th June 2012 when the Sub Committee resolved to grant a sex establishment licence for the Silks Gentleman's Club premises subject to the applicant providing a plan and scheme covering the dancers smoking area and an example gown of the type to be worn by the dancers in the smoking area, the Head of Licensing and Registration submitted a report setting out the response of the applicant.

Included in the report was a copy of the "Smoking Control" proposals and a copy of the proposed signage. The report also included a copy of promotional material now proposed to be used at Silks for Members consideration. An example of the type of gown now proposed for dancers to wear in the smoking area was also presented for comparison with the garment currently in use. The applicant was represented at the hearing by F Harris-Knott – legal representative, M Cunningham – Designated Premises Supervisor and E Morris – Licensee.

Ms Harris-Knott addressed the two matters outstanding from the June 2012 decision. With regards to the policy and management of the smoking area an additional photograph of the external area was tabled at the meeting showing the demarcation of the public/staff areas. Members heard that two external CCTV cameras provided coverage of the area, and furthermore, one member of doorstaff would be on duty in the area during the time the premises was open. Members considered the proposed policy and management of the smoking area to be acceptable.

Ms Harris-Knott also discussed the jackets to be worn by dancers when they were outside the premises. The Sub Committee discussed the new style of gown to be worn and also found that to be acceptable.

Ms Harris-Knott then addressed the design of the flyers and signage as the applicant also sought the view of the Sub Committee on these matters. There was some discussion on the use of vehicles as the premises had previously employed dedicated vehicles to transport customers and the flyers made reference to a "free shuttle service". Members received assurance that the applicant intended to make use of either private hire or hackney carriage vehicles to provide the service from 1st October 2012 in order to comply with the relevant condition on the licence.

Members noted and accepted the revisions made to the flyers and signage.

RESOLVED – That the use of the smoking policy as presented in the submitted report and the use of the gown as displayed at the meeting be approved. Members also accepted the proposed external signage. The premises will now be permitted to operate from 1 October

45 "Deep Blue" - Application for the grant of a Sex Establishment Licence for Deep Blue, 36 Wellington Street, Leeds LS1 2DE

Further to minute 40(b) of the meeting held 15th June 2012 when the Sub Committee resolved to grant a sex establishment licence for the premises known as Deep Blue subject to the applicant providing a revised draft logo for the premises, the Head of Licensing and Registration submitted a report setting out the response of the applicant. The applicant did not attend the hearing.

The report included a copy of the logo now proposed to be used at the venue for Members consideration

RESOLVED – That the use of the logo, as presented in the submitted report be approved. The premises will now be permitted to operate from 1 October 2012 under the terms of the Sex Establishment Licence

46 "Red Leopard" - Application for the grant of a Sex Establishment Licence for Red Leopard, 163-167 The Headrow, Leeds LS1 2QS

Further to minute 40(d) of the meeting held 15th June 2012 when the Sub Committee resolved to grant a sex establishment licence for the premises known as Red Leopard subject to the applicant providing revised draft flyers and cards for distribution, the Head of Licensing and Registration submitted a report setting out the response of the applicant. The applicant did not attend the hearing.

Appendix 1 of the report included copies of the flyers and cards now proposed to be used. 48 prints were included and the Sub Committee considered each proposed flyer/card in turn. Members discussed the following issues they raised relating to the submitted material :

- The nature of the proposed imagery
- The reference to £5.00 student deal
- The use of the terms "strip club" and "strippers"
- The reference to "free limo pick-up"
- The nature of the logo and imagery used in the materials proposed to promote the SMUT evenings at the venue

Having numbered the items 1 to 48 the Sub Committee commented that items 6, 16 and 47 could be acceptable subject to the removal of references to student promotions; the term “strippers” and “free limo pick-up”. Members did not find the remaining promotional material acceptable and noted that the premises would not now be permitted to operate from 1 October 2012 with the promotional material in its present form

The Sub Committee was mindful of the short time frame left for the applicant to revise and receive local authority approval for the design of the promotional material prior to the commencement date of the sex establishment licence on 1 October 2012. Members considered appropriate measures to assist the applicant to achieve the required revisions in time.

RESOLVED –

- a) That the design of the cards and flyers to be used for distribution, as presented in the submitted report, be rejected.
- b) That the design of items 6; 16 and 47 could be approved, subject to the removal of references to the “Student Deal” and free limo pick up
- c) To note that the premises will not be permitted to operate after 1 October 2012 with the flyers and cards in the format currently proposed.
- d) That, should the applicant choose to submit revised promotional material in good time for a decision to be made prior to 1 October 2012, authority is delegated to the Head of Licensing and Registration to determine the matter having regard to the comments made by the Sub Committee at this hearing.